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SUBJ: UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND UNGA

1. ADCM AND ECONOCOUNSELOR CALLED ON MEA JOINT SECRETARY (UN) KRISHNAN JULY 29 TO REVIEW GENERAL US POSITIONS ON FORTHCOMING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND 30TH UNGA AS WELL AS LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. EMBOFFS REITERATED POSITION ON EXPULSIONS AND EFFECT ON UN MADE BY SECRETARY, AND CONVEYED TO PM GANDHI BY AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK. KRISHNAN NOTED THAT INDIANS LAST YEAR HAD SUPPORTED UNGA VOTE ON SOUTH AFRICA AND THIS PRECEDENT WOULD REPRESENT PROBLEM FOR THEIR VOTING DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. HE ARGUED LEGITIMACY OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PLOY BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEM WHICH WOULD BE POSED TO UN BY MAJOR CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE AT 30TH UNGA. EMBOFFS REMINDED KRISHNAN OF PM GANDHI'S PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF "UNIVERSALITY" LAST WEEK AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT THIS VIEW WOULD HAVE OVERRIDING INFLUENCE ON GOI'S POSITION.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE, KRISHNAN AGAIN SAID

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THAT NO GOI POSITION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AND NOTED THAT

HE HAD JUST BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE PAPER FOR FONMIN TO USE IN DISCUSSION WITH DPRK FONMIN WHO IS VISITING DELHI THIS WEEK. KEY INDIAN POSITION, KRISHNAN SAID, IS THAT ROK AND DPRK SHOULD RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. BEST FORMULATION IN UN ON DEALING WITH THIS WAS NOT YET CLEAR TO GOI. IN ANY EVENT, HE OBSERVED, WHATEVER UNGA DID, FINAL DECISION WOULD BE UP TO UNSC WHERE VETO WAS AVAILABLE TO PERMANENT MEMBERS TO AVOID ANY CHANGE IN SITUATION. (CONCEIVABLY INDIANS MAY BE MOVING TOWARD ARGUMENT THAT UNGA ACTION IS NOT REALLY CONTROLLING AND THAT THEREFORE THEIR OWN VOTE ON UN COMMAND ISSUE MAY NOT REALLY MAKE THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE, OTHER THAN ON PSYCHOLOGICAL QUESTION OF OPINION OF UNGA.)

3. EMBOFFS URGED THAT GOI TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN AVOIDING STEAM-ROLLER TACTICS ON BROAD ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE OF LITTLE BENEFIT TO ANYONE. KRISHNAN CONCURRED IN PRINCIPLE AND SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW NO ONE FAVORED A NEW SET OF BROAD PRINCIPLES GOVERNING AID, TRADE, ETC. HE EXPECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF AN "INTEGRATED COMMODITY APPROACH". ECON COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT THIS SOUNDED GOOD BUT IT WAS LIKE AN ELEPHANT WITH WINGS, NO ONE HAD AS YET SEEN ONE OUTSIDE OF THE MOVIES.

4. EMBOFFS STRESSED USG FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH REAL ISSUES DRAWING SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND STATE AND TREASURY TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE. KRISHNAN CONCURRED THAT USG HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY RESPONSIVE BUT THIS WAS OFTEN USED BY SOME AS A REASON TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE. WHILE CONSCTFHLQ QRX WAS BETTER THAN MEANINGLESS MAJORITY VOTES USG AND OTHERS HAD NOT LIVED UP TO EARLIER CONSENSUS AGREEMENTS, E.G., IN AID LEVELS.

5. TO SUM UP, LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN THE INDIAN POSITION. THEY ARE FAR MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN MOST, HAVE DIFFERENT ECONOMIC INTERESTS THAN ALMOST ANYONE ELSE BUT WILL MOVE WITH THE PACK HOPING TO ENLIST HELP ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO INDIA, E.G., MSA'S.

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6. FONMIN CHAVAN AND FONSEC KEWAL SINGH WILL BOTH ATTEND LIMA CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL SESSION. FONMIN MAY RETURN TO INDIA AFTER FIRST WEEK OF SPECIAL SESSION AND GO BACK FOR UNGA GENERAL DEBATE IN LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. KEWAL SINGH WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO INDIA AFTER SPECIAL SESSION AND RETURN TO UNGA IN OCTOBER, AFTER FONMIN COMES BACK TO INDIA. NO OTHER INDIAN MINISTERS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE SESSIONS. INDIAN DELEGATIONS TO

SPECIAL SESSION AND UNGA STILL NOT FULLY DETERMINED.

7. FOR IO AND USUN: INDIAN DEPUTY PERMREP SAAD HASHMI WILL BE IN DELHI FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH KRISHNAN AND FONSEC NEXT WEEK. EMBOFFS HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED WORKING LUNCHEON WITH BOTH FOR MIDWEEK. IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO FOCUS IN SUCH JOINT DISCUSSION FORUM, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.
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